



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket No. FRA-2022-0002-N-8]

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. These ICRs describe the information collections and their expected burdens. On February 2, 2022, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICRs.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICRs should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find the particular ICR by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Hodan Wells, Information Collection Clearance Officer at email: Hodan.Wells@dot.gov or telephone: (202) 493-0440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices

seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On February 2, 2022, FRA published a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting comment on the ICRs for which it is now seeking OMB approval. *See* 87 FR 5933. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve the proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(a); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983 (Aug. 29, 1995). OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983 (Aug. 29, 1995). Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

Comments are invited on the following ICRs regarding: (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summaries below describe the ICRs that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

Title: Certification of Glazing Materials.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0525.

Abstract: The collection of information is set forth under 49 CFR part 223, which requires the certification and permanent marking of glazing materials by the manufacturer. The manufacturer is also responsible for making available test verification data to railroads and to FRA upon request.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses (railroads and manufacturers of glazing materials).

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 704 railroads and 5 manufacturers.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 25,439.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 314 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$21,983.

Title: Disqualification Proceedings.

OMB Control Number: 2130-0529.

Abstract: FRA regulations at 49 CFR part 209, subpart D, explain FRA's responsibilities, and the rights and responsibilities of railroads and railroad employees, regarding disqualification procedures. For example, § 209.331, enforcement of a disqualification order, requires: (a) a railroad employing or formerly employing a disqualified individual to disclose the terms and conditions of the order to the individual's new or prospective employer railroad; (b) a railroad considering hiring an individual in a safety-sensitive position to inquire from the individual's prior employer railroad whether the individual is serving under a disqualification order; and (c) a disqualified individual to inform the individual's employer of the disqualification order,

provide a copy of the order to the employer, inform a prospective employer railroad of the disqualification order, and provide a copy of the order.

Type of Request: Extension without change (with changes in estimates) of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses.

Form(s): N/A.

Respondent Universe: 86,000 railroad employees and 754 railroads.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 22.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: 41 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent: \$2,549.

In accordance with 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to a collection of information that does not display a currently valid OMB control number.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520.

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